

IN THE CLAIMS:**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

Please amend Claim 14 and add new Claim 21 to read as follows (a version marked to show changes to Claim 14 is submitted herewith):

14. (Amended) An image reader, comprising:

- (a) a transparent plate adapted to contact an original;
- (b) an image sensor unit including a light source adapted to illuminate the original, a reading element adapted to read an image of the original, and a housing adapted to mount said light source and said reading element, said housing being a rectangular parallelepiped and having a shaft or a bearing, said shaft or said bearing being disposed so as to be parallel to said reading element and said shaft or said bearing being provided so as not to protrude from said rectangular parallelepiped;
- (c) a holding member adapted to hold said image sensor unit; and
- (d) a motor adapted to shift a positional relationship between the image of the original and said image sensor unit held by said holding member,

wherein said housing has integrally formed therewith a spacer adapted to maintain a distance between said transparent and said image sensor unit.

Please add Claim 21 to read as follows:

-21. (New) An image reader according to Claim 14, further comprising a biasing member disposed between said holding member and said image sensor unit adapted to bias said image sensor unit towards said transparent plate.—